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New York, Dec. 19.—There is little doubt now that the Meyer murder trial must be abandoned, owing to the brain trouble of Juror Law.

It appears that Law was ruined by the destruction of Rockaway beach by five more years ago, and has been unbalanced ever since.

When the case is resumed a change of venue will be necessary, as it would be impossible to get a jury of unprejudiced people in New York county.

WITH THE MAGAZINES

Among the many excellent articles in the December number of McClure's Magazine is one by E. Jay Richards which every thinking democrat and republican will wish to read. It is entitled "How William McKinley Was Made," and what he stands for. In estimating the great protectionist as a politician the writer says: "It has been said that McKinley is no politician in the sense in which that word is commonly employed, that he has no great command over masses of men, no capacity for playing the game of politics as chess is played, and winning caucuses, conventions and committees to serve his purpose. And it is doubtless true that he has, as yet, made no such manifestation as would justify the opinion that he is to be esteemed one of the greatest politicians. His simple-hearted purpose may have made such a pursuit impossible. That, however, is an endeavor which awaits him in the immediate future. If he is to take advantage of the position which he now occupies, that he may be named by his party as its presidential candidate in 1908. We shall discover whether McKinley is a politician of the highest order in the summer of that year."

Edward Bellamy has written the story of "How I Came to Write 'Looking Backward'" for the Ladies' Home Journal. He will tell, in connection with the history of the book itself, how the idea of Nationalism first suggested itself to him.

The leading article for December of Worthington's Magazine is written by the Hon. S. U. Benjamin upon the life saving service of the United States, than which no other institution of the nineteenth century more emphatically displays the human and philanthropic spirit of modern civilization. The life saving service began its work in 1837, but it was not until 1878 that congress was induced to make an appropriation that placed the service upon an efficient basis, and provided something like adequate equipment for overcoming the horrors and losses of shipwrecking. The story of peril and disaster, of heroic effort and success is vividly told by Mr. Benjamin. Many of the illustrations which accompany it are from instantaneous photographs taken of the crews in active service in the summer of the present year.

Spaulding's Athletic Library No. 14, just out, is devoted to Curling, Hockey and Roller Polo. Valuable points to beginners, diagrams of the field and rink, and the rules of the games are published in full, as well as the constitution and by-laws of the New England association of Professional Roller Polo clubs. The book is published by the American Sports Publishing company, No. 241 Broadway, New York. Price 10 cents.

Fred S. Church, one of the greatest American artists and a Grand Rapids man, a fact of which every older resident is intensely proud, has a remarkably witty and charming article in the Christmas number of Scribner's Magazine, "An Artist Among Animals." The paper is profusely illustrated by the author. Among other things Mr. Church tells how he became a painter of animals. He says: "What brought me up to the farm was this: I was engaged by a gentleman to give his daughter—two very charming young girls—drawing lessons. They were staying there for the summer. I had started out to be a comic draughtsman, something in the John Leach order, but I met with no encouragement from the publishers, and the father of the young ladies, knowing my desperate circumstances, made me this offer. It was a turning point, and had much to do with the line of work I had chosen. The family were all great lovers of nature; the gentleman himself had that peculiar influence over animals which we sometimes see, and his daughters, particularly the eldest one, had the same power. The two girls I have mentioned were great observers and collectors of natural objects, and introduced me to everything in the neighborhood in that line. Butterflies, beetles, turtles, squirrels, chipmunks, flowers and mosses, gave me my first insight to all the attractions of nature."

"Are Presidential Appointments for Sale?" is the leading article in the December issue of The Forum.

The author, William D. Pauline, takes the Van Allen case and clearly reasons that President Cleveland has sold us that dollar down, when given by the right person at the right time, are sufficient to secure any presidential appointment.

Mr. Van Allen paid \$50,000 for his high estate and when it came time to fulfill the bond Mr. Whitney wrote the man whom he had placed in the highest office twenty million people could give that Van Allen had given "very generous and cordial support to the party in the late campaign, when friends were few and odds were great. On the strength of this letter from the oldest living senator, Mr. Van Allen's appointment was sent to the senate. The absolute unfitness of the man for the place is hardly shown. Mr. Cleveland receives a scathing which he is not apt to forget and will doubtless be surprised to know that he has made himself amenable to the criminal law. Never has a president of these United States been so accused in a magazine article. The practice of selling office, high or low is roundly condemned and a remedy for the evil is suggested. All in all it is an article which the political friends of Mr. Cleveland will not care to discuss. Both sides of the tariff question are ably treated by A. August Healy and the Hon. W. J. C. Adams. Lecky, the famous historian, considers "Israel Among the Nations," and "How to Deal with a Filibustering Minority" from the pen of John B. McMaster, brings to mind the silver light. With this number The Forum reduces its subscription price from five to three per year and from fifty to twenty-five per copy.

Readers of the Review of Reviews will find in the Christmas number an unusual amount of excellent matter, most of which is the proposed Pilgrimage to Europe and the Orient. (Wykes & Burns, price 25 cents).

Each number of "Tales from Town Topics" is better than its fellow. "Anthony Kent" is the title of the complete novel by Charles Stokes Wayne. The story is brilliantly told and its interest is such as to make many a man and woman, whose life is given to unholy love, pause before retribution wrecks the future. Kent meets and loves a beautiful adventuress. Later he loses his heart to the innocent young daughter of his mistress, who has been basely deserted by her unnatural mother. When the true state of affairs becomes known Kent does the honorable thing and the wretched mother suicides. The descriptive scenes in Venice and Monte Carlo are vivid bits of descriptive work. Besides the novel there is the usual amount of cleverly written sketches and poems. (Town Topics Publishing Co., 21 West Twenty-third street, N. Y.)

"With Farragut on the Hartford" is the attractive title of a serial now running in Blue and Gray, the patriotic magazine published in Philadelphia. The writer's identity is concealed under the nom de plume "Union Jack," but he is known to be an officer of the United States navy, now in command of a vessel. Mr. Anthon Smith has been engaged to illustrate these papers, and is furnishing a series of drawings that are technically superior to most naval pictures heretofore published. The serial will be issued in book form next year.

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